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PRESS RELEASE**April 23, 2012****CONTACT: David Byrnes****(916) 326-3606****STATE REPORT RANKS CALIFORNIA HOSPITALS ON
HEART BYPASS SURGERY PERFORMANCE***OPERATIVE MORTALITY DOWN 34% SINCE MANDATORY REPORTING BEGAN IN 2003*

SACRAMENTO – The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) today released the “California Report on Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery, 2009 Hospital Data,” showing that hospital operative mortality declined 34% since 2003, the first year of mandated public reporting for the 119 state-licensed hospitals that performed isolated coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) surgery during 2009.

“The findings in this report, especially the continued decline in the mortality rate, reinforce the importance of making our healthcare system more transparent and improving consumer access to information on quality and performance,” said Acting OSHPD Director Stephanie Clendenin.

Performance ratings for hospitals are based on three risk-adjusted outcomes: operative mortality, operative stroke and, for the first time, hospital readmission. Additionally, utilization of the internal mammary artery during CABG surgery is used as a measurement of surgical quality.

Hospital results for risk-adjusted mortality, risk-adjusted hospital readmission and internal mammary artery utilization are based only on 2009 data, while hospital results for risk-adjusted post-operative stroke are based on combined 2008 and 2009 data.

Key findings from this report:

2009 Mortality Findings by Hospital:

- There were 252 operative deaths among 13,260 isolated non-salvage CABG surgeries.
- The operative mortality rate for isolated CABG surgery in California was 1.90%, compared to 2.24% in 2008.
- There was significant variation, from 0% to 13.0%, in hospital operative mortality rates after adjusting for patients' pre-operative health. Despite such variation, 116 of 119 hospitals (97%) performed at a rate that did not differ significantly from the statewide average.
- Only one hospital, Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla performed statistically significantly “Better” than the state average in terms of risk-adjusted operative mortality, while Scripps Mercy Hospital and West Hills Regional Medical Center performed “Worse” than the state average.



2008-2009 Post-operative Stroke Findings by Hospital:

- Of the 27,217 patients who underwent isolated CABG surgery, 384 (1.41%) experienced a post-operative stroke, similar to the national rate of 1.4% reported by the National Society of Thoracic Surgeons.
- There was wide variation in post-operative stroke rates among hospitals after adjusting for patients' pre-operative health. Hospital risk-adjusted stroke rates ranged from 0% to 8.87%, and 114 of 121 hospitals (94%) performed at a rate that did not differ significantly from the statewide average.
- For the third report in a row, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center performed statistically "Better" than the state average in terms of risk adjusted post-operative stroke rates and was among three hospitals with high marks. There were also four hospitals that performed "Worse" than the state average.

2009 Hospital Readmission Findings by Hospital:

- Of the 11,823 patients who underwent isolated CABG surgery and were discharged alive, 1,565 (13.2%) experienced a hospital readmission within 30 days of the surgery.
- There was wide variation in the readmission rates among hospitals performing CABG surgery after adjusting for patients' pre-operative conditions. Hospital risk-adjusted re-admission rates ranged from 0% to 29.77%, and 117 of 119 hospitals (98%) performed at a rate that did not differ significantly from the statewide average.
- One hospital, Queen of the Valley, performed "Better" than the state average on hospital readmission, and one hospital, San Joaquin Community Hospital, performed "Worse" than the state average.

OSHPD is committed to "Equitable Healthcare Accessibility for California." OSHPD analyzes and supports the state's healthcare infrastructure, promoting medical care transparency for Californians. OSHPD also supports a diverse and culturally competent workforce, ensures safety of buildings used to provide healthcare, insures loans to develop healthcare facilities, and facilitates development of a sustained capacity for communities to address their healthcare concerns.

The *California Report on Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery, 2009 Hospital Data* is available at www.oshpd.ca.gov.